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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of March 31, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the below preliminary amendments in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.